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- B) BERN 3185 OF AUG 23, 1974
- C) BERN 5130
- D) KLINGAMAN-HIGGINS TELECON DEC 16, 1975
- 1. EMBASSY HAS CONSIDERED PROPOSAL (REF D) THAT LETTERS ROGATORY IN THIS CASE BE SUBMITTED FOR A THIRD TIME OR THAT SUBPOENA BE SENT ON CREDIT SUISSE'S N.Y. BRANCH TO COMPLE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS FROM CU'S ZURICH OFFICE.
- 2. IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE LOCALLY EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IF LETTERS ROGATORY WERE SUBMITTED A THIRD TIME IT IS NOT, RPT NOT, LIKELY THAT THEY WOULD PRODUCE A POSITIVE RESPONSE DROM CREDIT SUISSE UNLESS INFO SUGGESTED PARA 2 REF B CONCERNING ROLE OF SABINE EVRIPEOU COULD BE PROVIDED IN LATEST VERSION OF LETTERS ROGATORY.
- 3. IN REF B EMBASSY RECOMMENDED THAT NO, RPT NO, ATTEMPT BE MADE TO SERVE SUBPOENA ON CS N. Y. BRANCH BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE HARM THIS COULD DO TO THEN PENDING JAT RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION. JAT HAS SINCE BEEN RATIFIED AND IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION PASSED. HOWEVER, FINAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES REGARDING EVIDENTIARY PROVIDIONS OF TREATY HAS NOT, RPT NOT, BEEN COMPLETED AS EMBASSY AWAITING AUTHORIZATION (REF C) FROM DEPT TO EXCHANGE NOTES.

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4. ONCE EXCHANGE OF NOTES COMPLETED, EMBASSY WOULD HAVE NO, RPT NO, OBJECTION TO SERVING OF SUBPOENA ON CREDIT SUISSE N.Y. BRANCH IF JUSTICE DEPT FORESEES STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD IN FACT LEAD TO PRODUCTION OF SOUGHT RECORDS. SERVIGHOF SUBPOENA WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RAISE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN US-SWISS RELATIONS BUT EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT THESE WOULD BE MANAGEABLE.

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